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THE LORD OF VAMPIRES AGAINST THE POWER COSMIC OF--

THE SILVER SURFER

I'VE GOT TO DESTROY YOU, VAMPIRE!

YOU'RE THE MOST DEADLY HORROR THE EARTH HAS EVER KNOWN!

THE MOST SHOCKING STORY OF THEM ALL!

Five hundred years ago he was killed...but he *did not die.* Today, *Quincy Harker, Frank Drake, Rachel Van Helsing,* and *Blade,* the Vampire Slayer—stalk him...as this unliving Lord of Vampires spreads his reign of terror across a twentieth century world.

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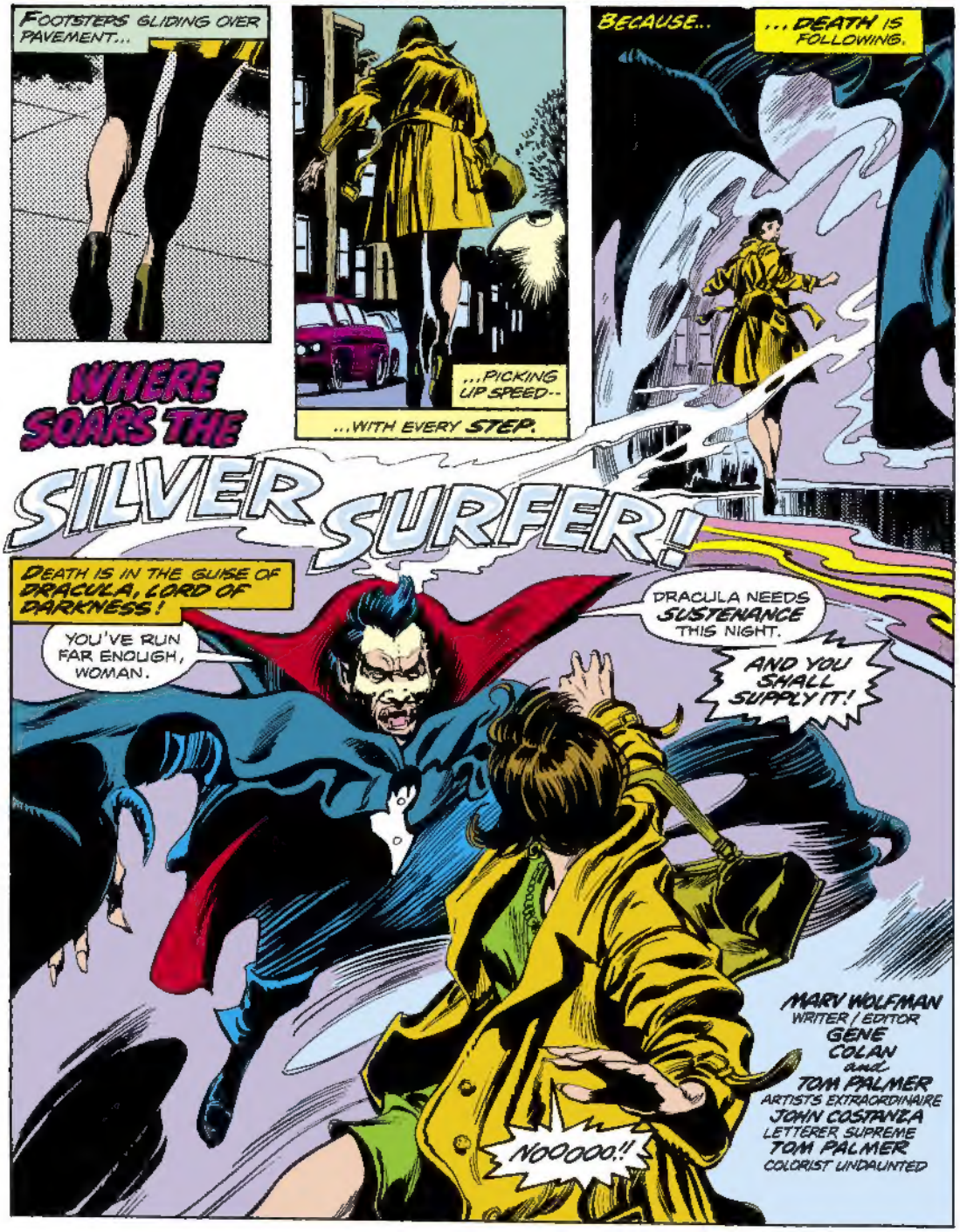
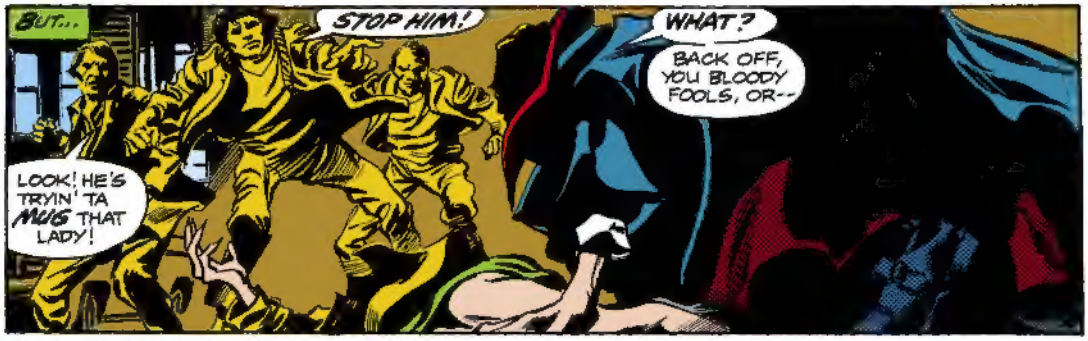
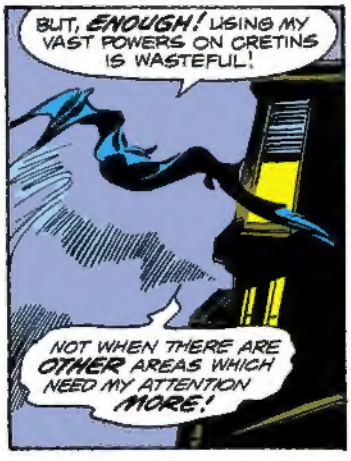



BUT...
STOP HIM!
WHAT?
BACK OFF, YOU BLOODY FOOLS, OR--
LOOK! HE'S TRYIN' TA MUG THAT LADY!

NO! I'M TIRED OF GIVING WARNINGS TO DOLTS!
YOU DARED ATTACK DRACULA! NOW SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!

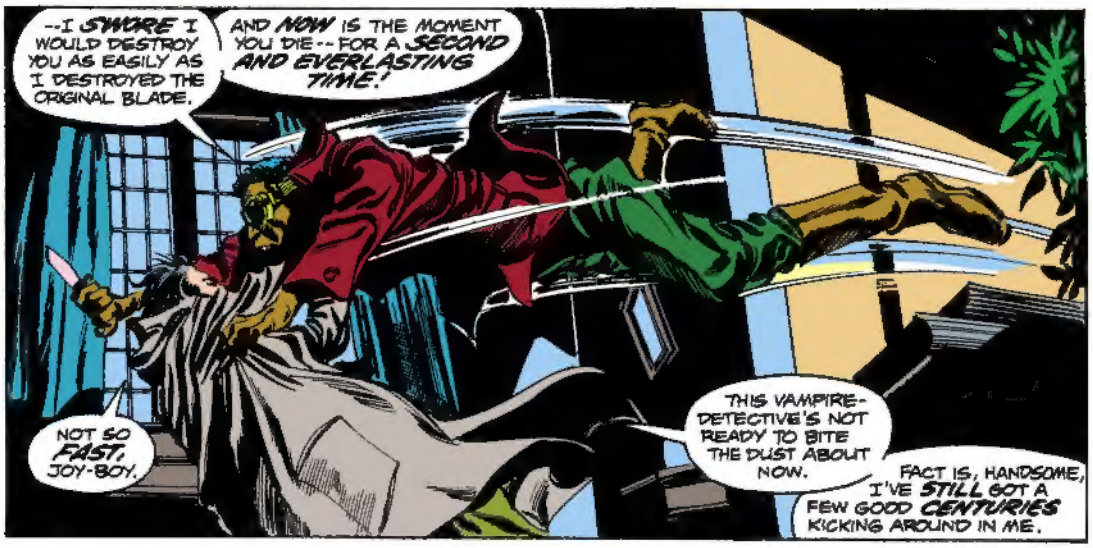

BUT, ENOUGH! USING MY VAST POWERS ON CRETINS IS WASTEFUL!
NOT WHEN THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHICH NEED MY ATTENTION MORE!

ELSEWHERE, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BOSTON, BENEATH THE WOOD-FRAMED MANOR OWNED BY ANTON LUPESKI...
IT IS AGREED, THEN? THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR DRACULA'S EXISTENCE.

VERY WELL. AT FIRST I WISHED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE CHILD WAS BORN, BUT IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO FINISH HIM OFF NOW, SO BE IT!
HIS SEED HAS BEEN PLANTED, AND THE CHILD WILL BE BORN. THAT IS ALL WE NOW NEED.

AND, YES, I DO HAVE THE MEANS OF DESTROYING THE VAMPIRE. QUITE A UNIQUE ONE, I BELIEVE.
COME WITH ME, ALL FOUR OF YOU, TO THE THREE RIDGES, AND YOU WILL MEET OUR CHAMPION.
LEAD ON, LUPESKI. YOU HAVE AROUSED OUR CURIOSITY.

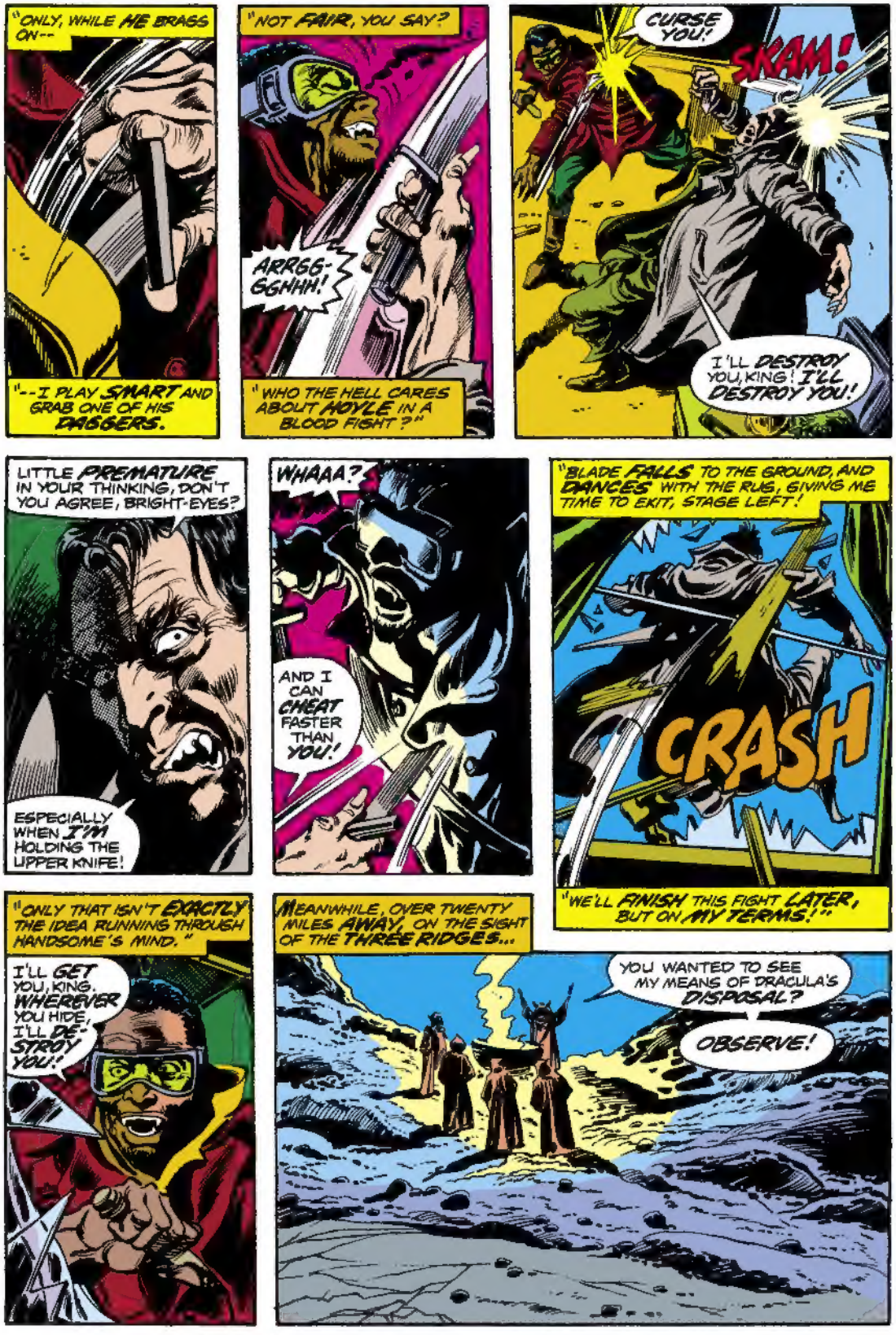
A RATHER EVENTFUL INTERLUDE:
"THE DUDE IN THE LEATHER IS BLADE! YEAH, THE FAMED VAMPIRE-SLAYER, NOW SPORTING DOUBLE-BREASTED FANGS OF HIS OWN. ONLY THIS ISN'T THE SAME BLADE I'VE BEEN TAGGIN' ALONG WITH THESE PAST FEW DAYS.
HANNIBAL KING--
"NOPE, THIS BABY WAS CREATED BY THE SAME STINKIN' VAMP THAT TURNED YOURS TRULY INTO ONE OF THE WALKING UNDEAD-- DEACON FROST!
"AND THIS BLADE SOMEHOW ABSORBED THE REAL McCOY. HELL, IF IT SOUNDS LIKE SCIENCE FICTION TO YOU, BETTER BELIEVE WHAT MEETING THIS GUY FANG-TO-FANG FEELS LIKE TO ME."

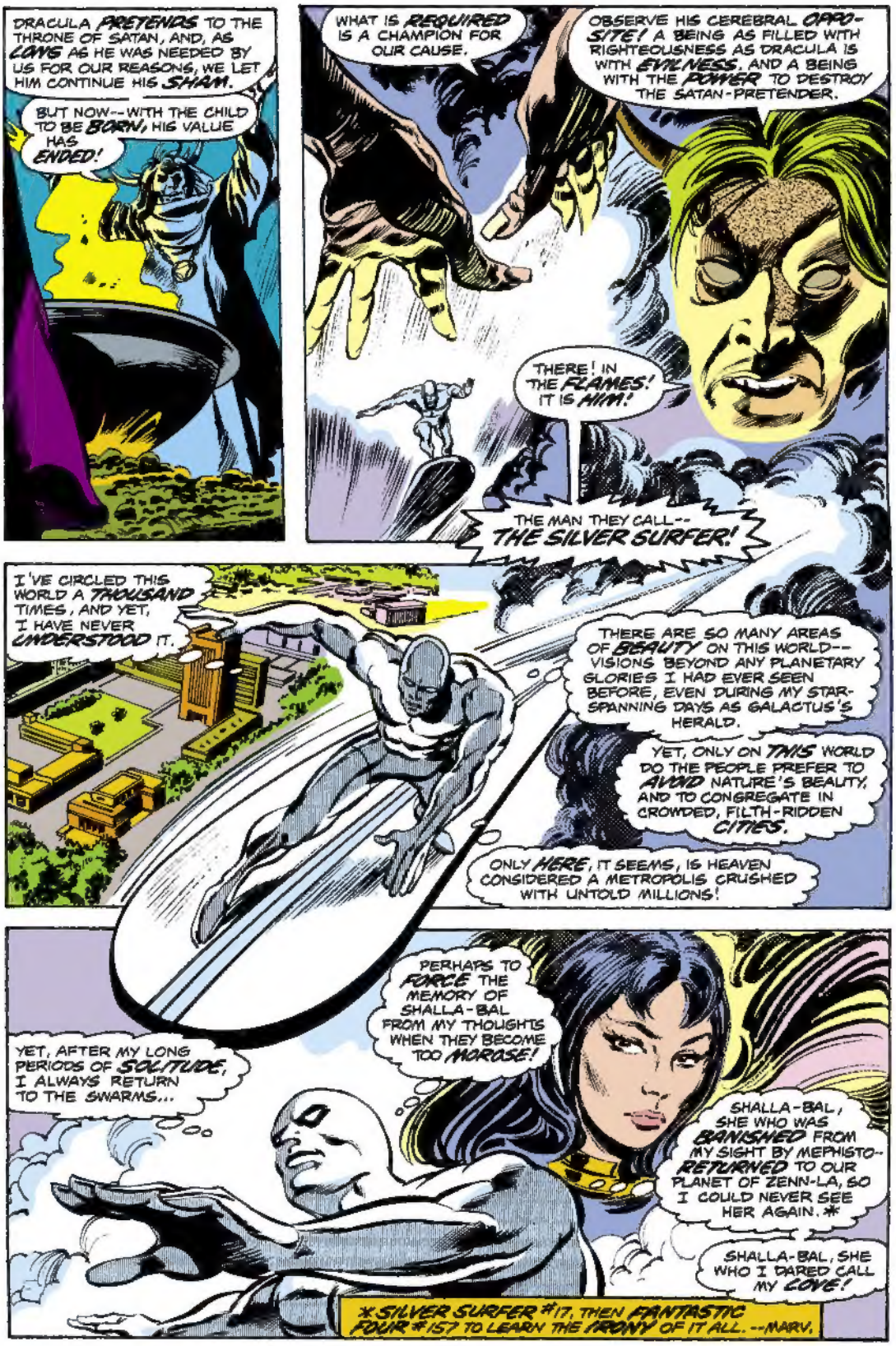

--I SWORE I WOULD DESTROY YOU AS EASILY AS I DESTROYED THE ORIGINAL BLADE.
AND NOW IS THE MOMENT YOU DIE -- FOR A SECOND AND EVERLASTING TIME!
NOT SO FAST, JOY-BOY.
THIS VAMPIRE-DETECTIVE'S NOT READY TO BITE THE DUST ABOUT NOW.
FACT IS, HANDSOME, I'VE STILL GOT A FEW GOOD CENTURIES KICKING AROUND IN ME.

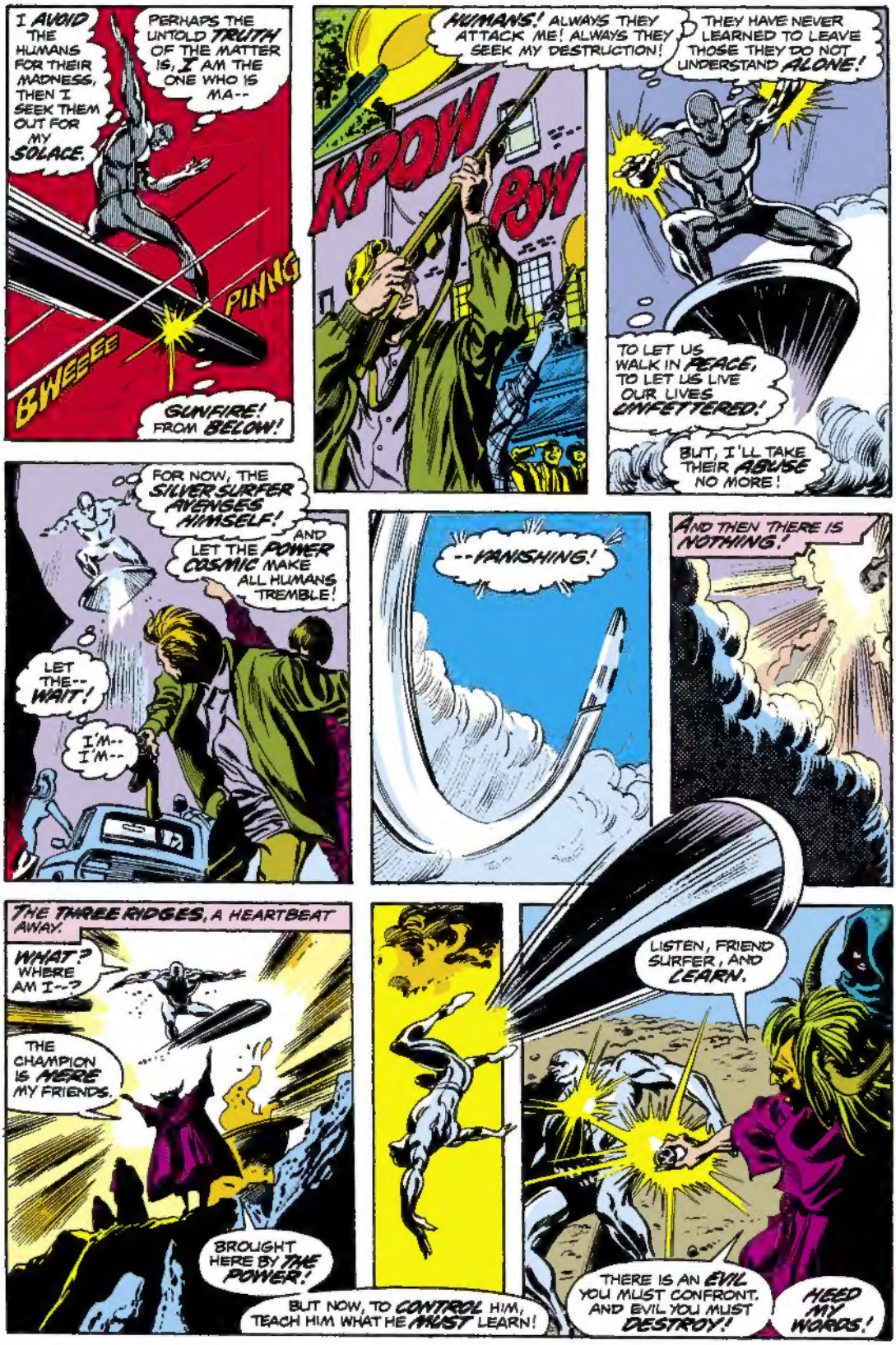
SEE?
WHUMP
"THIS DOUBLE FALLS WELL, ROLLING WITH A SMASH THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED ANY HUMAN."

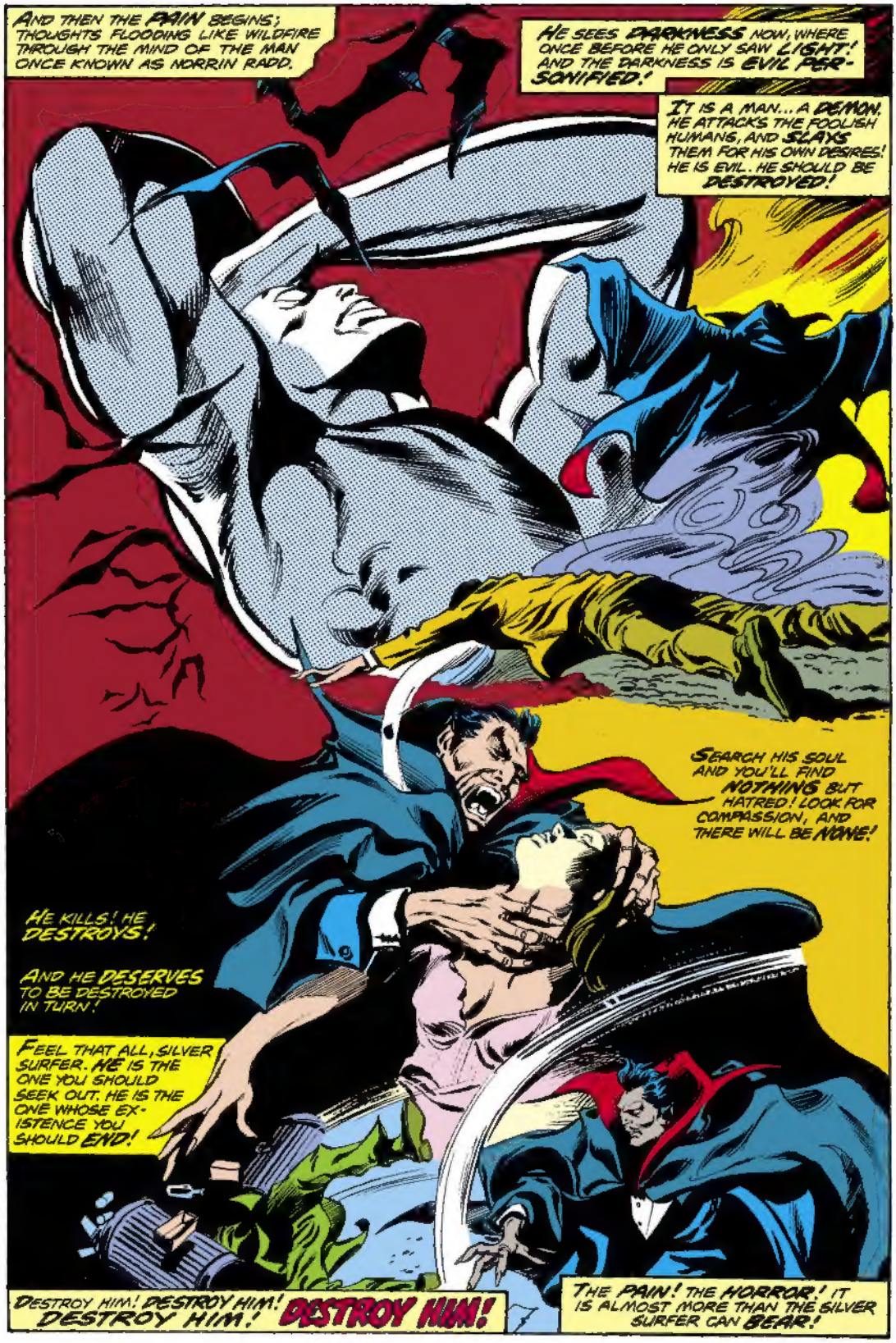
"ROLLING, THEN RISING AGAIN, TO CURSE ME."
NOT BAD, FOOL.
BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

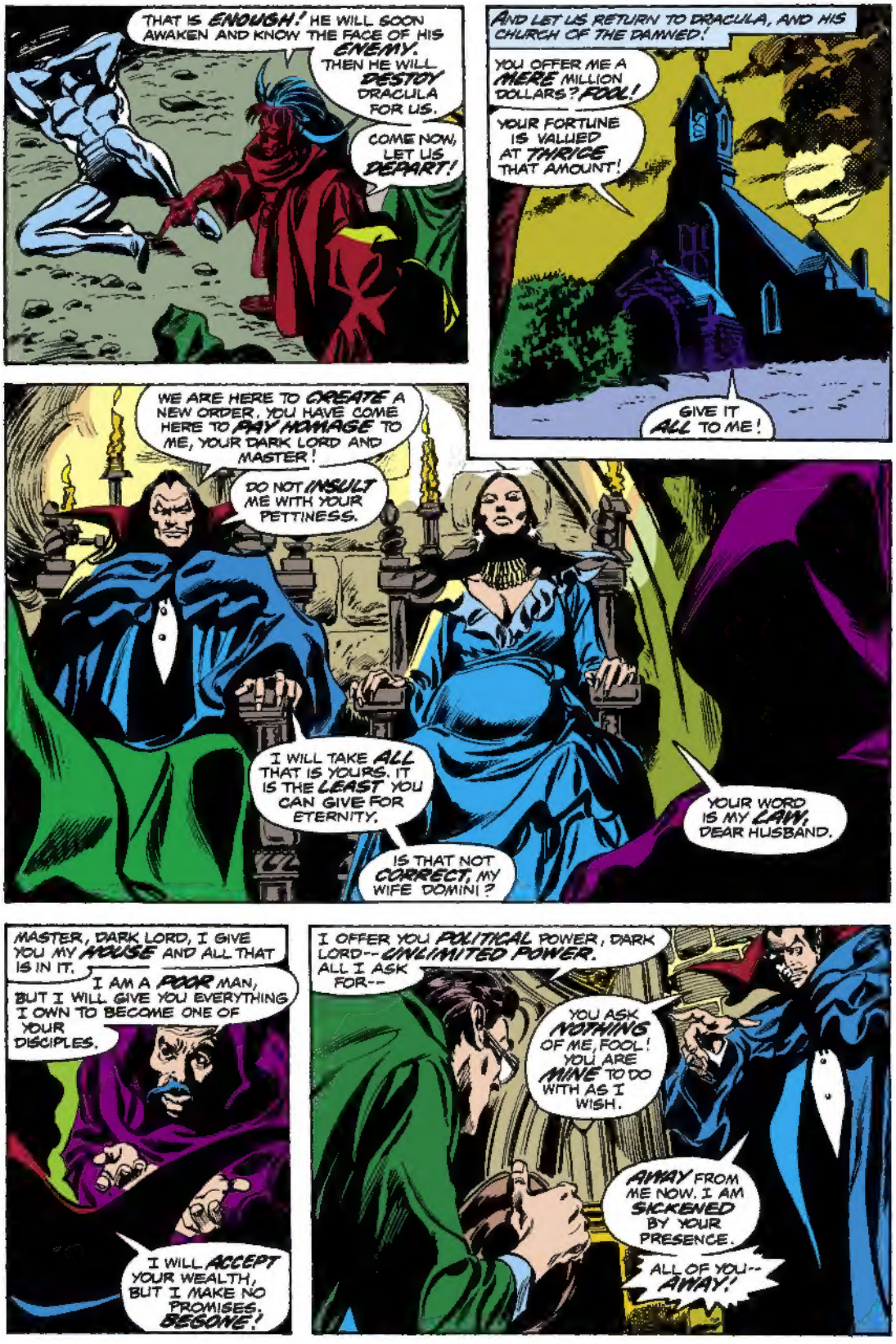
WE BOTH ARE STROMS, BUT I AM FAR STRONGER THAN YOU.
THIS BODY WAS BORN TO BATTLE.
BORN TO KILL!

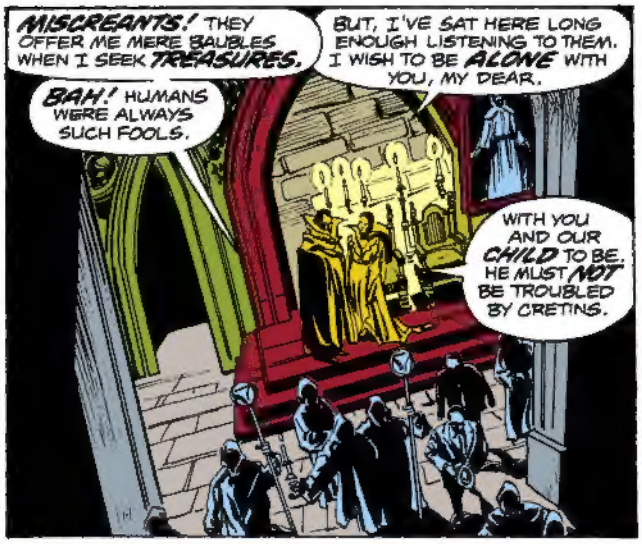

"ONLY, WHILE ME BRAGS ON--
"--I PLAY SMART AND GRAB ONE OF HIS DAGGERS.
"NOT FAIR, YOU SAY?
ARRGG-GGHHH!
"WHO THE HELL CARES ABOUT HOYLE IN A BLOOD FIGHT?"
CURSE YOU!
SKAM!
I'LL DESTROY YOU, KING! I'LL DESTROY YOU!
LITTLE PREMATURE IN YOUR THINKING, DON'T YOU AGREE, BRIGHT-EYES?
ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M HOLDING THE UPPER KNIFE!
WHAAA?
AND I CAN CHEAT FASTER THAN YOU!
"BLADE FALLS TO THE GROUND, AND DANCES WITH THE RUG, GIVING ME TIME TO EXIT, STAGE LEFT!
CRASH
"WE'LL FINISH THIS FIGHT LATER, BUT ON MY TERMS!"
"ONLY THAT ISN'T EXACTLY THE IDEA RUNNING THROUGH HANDSOME'S MIND."
I'LL GET YOU, KING. WHEREVER YOU HIDE, I'LL DE-STROY YOU!
MEANWHILE, OVER TWENTY MILES AWAY, ON THE SIGHT OF THE THREE RIDGES...
YOU WANTED TO SEE MY MEANS OF DRACULA'S DISPOSAL?
OBSERVE!


DRACULA PRETENDS TO THE THRONE OF SATAN, AND, AS LONG AS HE WAS NEEDED BY US FOR OUR REASONS, WE LET HIM CONTINUE HIS SHAM.
BUT NOW--WITH THE CHILD TO BE BORN, HIS VALUE HAS ENDED!
WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A CHAMPION FOR OUR CAUSE.
OBSERVE HIS CEREBRAL OPPOSITE! A BEING AS FILLED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AS DRACULA IS WITH EVILNESS, AND A BEING WITH THE POWER TO DESTROY THE SATAN-PRETENDER.
THERE! IN THE FLAMES! IT IS HIM!
THE MAN THEY CALL-- THE SILVER SURFER!
I'VE CIRCLED THIS WORLD A THOUSAND TIMES, AND YET, I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD IT.
THERE ARE SO MANY AREAS OF BEAUTY ON THIS WORLD--VISIONS BEYOND ANY PLANETARY GLORIES I HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE, EVEN DURING MY STAR-SPANNING DAYS AS GALACTUS'S HERALD.
YET, ONLY ON THIS WORLD DO THE PEOPLE PREFER TO AVOID NATURE'S BEAUTY, AND TO CONGREGATE IN CROWDED, FILTH-RIDDEN CITIES.
ONLY HERE, IT SEEMS, IS HEAVEN CONSIDERED A METROPOLIS CRUSHED WITH UNTOLD MILLIONS!
YET, AFTER MY LONG PERIODS OF SOLITUDE, I ALWAYS RETURN TO THE SWARMS...
PERHAPS TO FORCE THE MEMORY OF SHALLA-BAL FROM MY THOUGHTS WHEN THEY BECOME TOO MOROSE!
SHALLA-BAL, SHE WHO WAS BANISHED FROM MY SIGHT BY MEPHISTO--RETURNED TO OUR PLANET OF ZENN-LA, SO I COULD NEVER SEE HER AGAIN.*
SHALLA-BAL, SHE WHO I DARED CALL MY LOVE!
*SILVER SURFER #17, THEN FANTASTIC FOUR #157 TO LEARN THE IRONY OF IT ALL. --MARV.

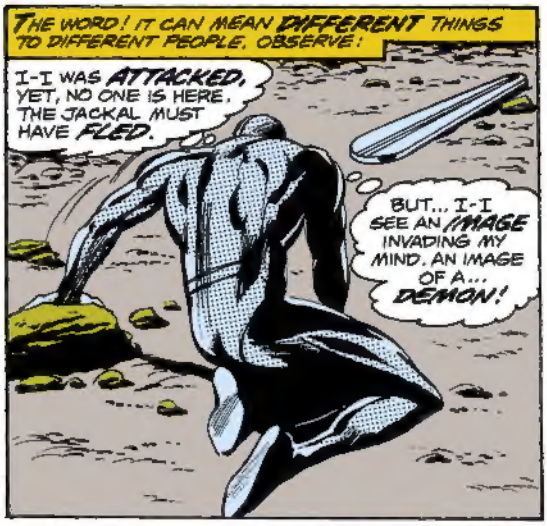

I AVOID THE HUMANS FOR THEIR MADNESS, THEN I SEEK THEM OUT FOR MY SOLACE.
PERHAPS THE UNTOLD TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, I AM THE ONE WHO IS MA--
B-WEEEE
PING
GUNFIRE! FROM BELOW!
KPOW
POW
HUMANS! ALWAYS THEY ATTACK ME! ALWAYS THEY SEEK MY DESTRUCTION!
THEY HAVE NEVER LEARNED TO LEAVE THOSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND ALONE!
TO LET US WALK IN PEACE, TO LET US LIVE OUR LIVES UNFETTERED!
BUT, I'LL TAKE THEIR ABUSE NO MORE!
FOR NOW, THE SILVER SURFER AVENGES HIMSELF!
AND LET THE POWER COSMIC MAKE ALL HUMANS TREMBLE!
LET THE-- WAIT!
I'M-- I'M--
--VANISHING!
AND THEN THERE IS NOTHING!
THE THREE RIDGES, A HEARTBEAT AWAY.
WHAT? WHERE AM I--?
THE CHAMPION IS HERE MY FRIENDS.
BROUGHT HERE BY THE POWER!
BUT NOW, TO CONTROL HIM, TEACH HIM WHAT HE MUST LEARN!
LISTEN, FRIEND SURFER, AND LEARN.
THERE IS AN EVIL YOU MUST CONFRONT. AND EVIL YOU MUST DESTROY!
HEED MY WORDS!


AND THEN THE PAIN BEGINS; THOUGHTS FLOODING LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THE MIND OF THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS NORRIN RADD.
HE SEES DARKNESS NOW, WHERE ONCE BEFORE HE ONLY SAW LIGHT! AND THE DARKNESS IS EVIL PERSONIFIED!
IT IS A MAN... A DEMON. HE ATTACKS THE FOOLISH HUMANS, AND SLAYS THEM FOR HIS OWN DESIRES! HE IS EVIL. HE SHOULD BE DESTROYED!
SEARCH HIS SOUL AND YOU'LL FIND NOTHING BUT HATRED! LOOK FOR COMPASSION, AND THERE WILL BE NONE!
HE KILLS! HE DESTROYS!
AND HE DESERVES TO BE DESTROYED IN TURN!
FEEL THAT ALL, SILVER SURFER. HE IS THE ONE YOU SHOULD SEEK OUT. HE IS THE ONE WHOSE EXISTENCE YOU SHOULD END!
DESTROY HIM! DESTROY HIM! DESTROY HIM! DESTROY HIM!
THE PAIN! THE HORROR! IT IS ALMOST MORE THAN THE SILVER SURFER CAN BEAR!


THAT IS ENOUGH! HE WILL SOON AWAKEN AND KNOW THE FACE OF HIS ENEMY. THEN HE WILL DESTOY DRACULA FOR US.
COME NOW, LET US DEPART!
AND LET US RETURN TO DRACULA, AND HIS CHURCH OF THE DAMNED!
YOU OFFER ME A MERE MILLION DOLLARS? FOOL!
YOUR FORTUNE IS VALUED AT THRICE THAT AMOUNT!
GIVE IT ALL TO ME!
WE ARE HERE TO CREATE A NEW ORDER. YOU HAVE COME HERE TO PAY HOMAGE TO ME, YOUR DARK LORD AND MASTER!
DO NOT INSULT ME WITH YOUR PETTINESS.
I WILL TAKE ALL THAT IS YOURS. IT IS THE LEAST YOU CAN GIVE FOR ETERNITY.
IS THAT NOT CORRECT, MY WIFE DOMINI?
YOUR WORD IS MY LAW, DEAR HUSBAND.
MASTER, DARK LORD, I GIVE YOU MY HOUSE AND ALL THAT IS IN IT.
I AM A POOR MAN, BUT I WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING I OWN TO BECOME ONE OF YOUR DISCIPLES.
I WILL ACCEPT YOUR WEALTH, BUT I MAKE NO PROMISES. BEGONE!
I OFFER YOU POLITICAL POWER, DARK LORD-- UNLIMITED POWER. ALL I ASK FOR--
YOU ASK NOTHING OF ME, FOOL! YOU ARE MINE TO DO WITH AS I WISH.
AWAY FROM ME NOW. I AM SICKENED BY YOUR PRESENCE.
ALL OF YOU-- AWAY!

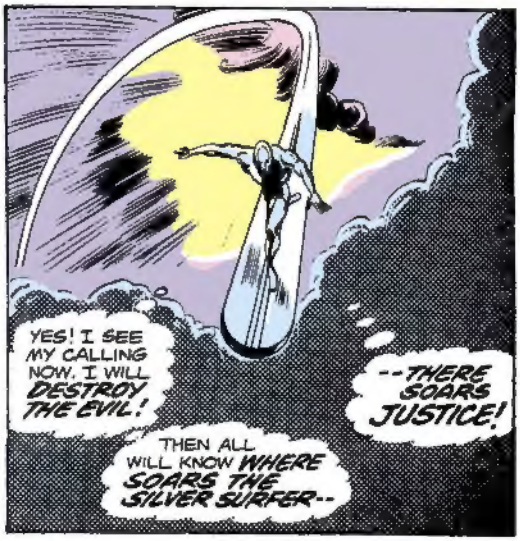

MISCREANTS! THEY OFFER ME MERE BAUBLES WHEN I SEEK TREASURES.
BUT, I'VE SAT HERE LONG ENOUGH LISTENING TO THEM. I WISH TO BE ALONE WITH YOU, MY DEAR.
BAH! HUMANS WERE ALWAYS SUCH FOOLS.
WITH YOU AND OUR CHILD TO BE, HE MUST NOT BE TROUBLED BY CRETINS.

HE WILL BE HEALTHY, MY HUSBAND. I KNOW THAT.
AND HE WILL BE A MAN TO BE PROUD OF.
YOU SPEAK AS IF YOU KNOW.
I DO, MY HUSBAND. I HAVE HEARD THE WORD.


THE WORD! IT CAN MEAN DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. OBSERVE:
I-I WAS ATTACKED, YET, NO ONE IS HERE. THE JACKAL MUST HAVE FLED.
BUT... I-I SEE AN IMAGE INVADING MY MIND. AN IMAGE OF A... DEMON!

A THING OF HORROR!
YET, STILL ANOTHER THOUGHT CROSSES MY MIND.
ALWAYS I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BECAUSE EARTH MEN THOUGHT I WAS EVIL.

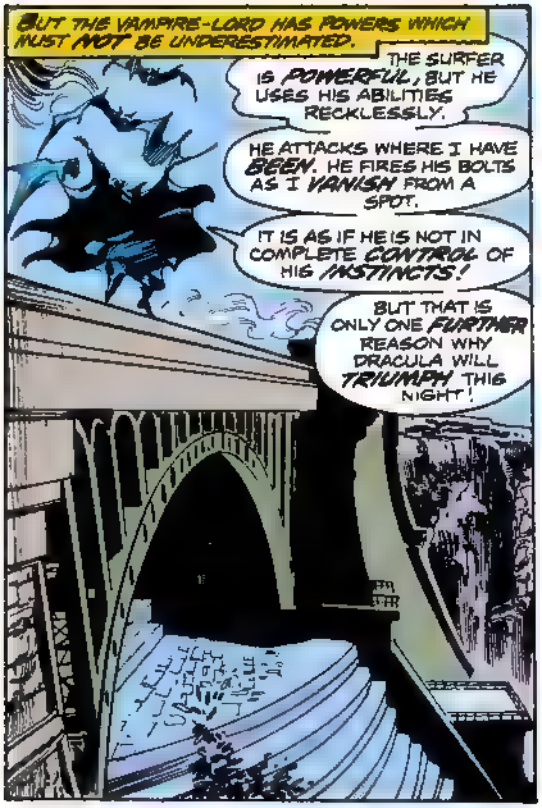
YET, THERE IS A TRUE EVIL ROAMING THIS WORLD... AN EVIL CALLED DRACULA.
PERHAPS, IF I CAN DESTROY THE EVIL, END ITS REIGN OF TERROR FOREVER, EARTH MEN WILL NO LONGER FEAR ME.
THEY'LL NO LONGER HOUND ME.

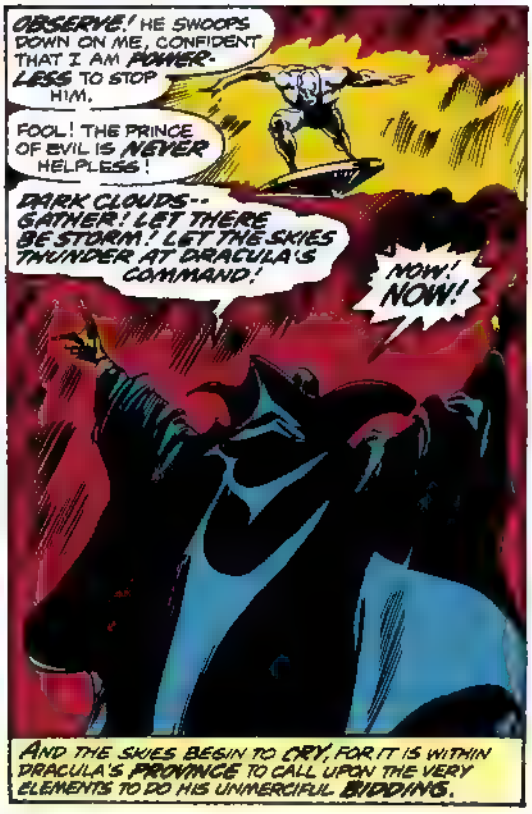

YES! I SEE MY CALLING NOW. I WILL DESTROY THE EVIL!
--THERE SOARS JUSTICE!
THEN ALL WILL KNOW WHERE SOARS THE SILVER SURFER--

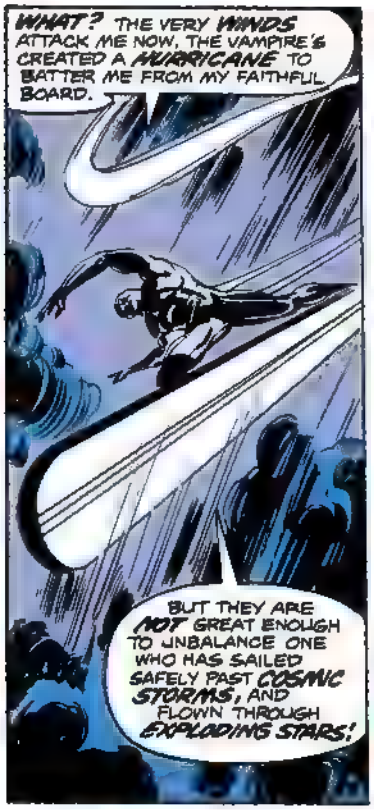
MEANTIME...
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REST, MY DEAR
FOR MY SON'S SAKE.
COME WITH ME AND I'LL BRING YOU TO YOUR HOME.
BUT... BEFORE THE TWO CAN EVEN MOVE...
DRACULA! LISTEN DO YOU HEAR IT?
THE SOUND... THE SOUND OF--
THERE YOU ARE, THE ONE I SAW IN MY NIGHTMARE!
THE EVIL I SAW MINDLESSLY DESTROYING MAN!
TURN NOW, DEMON! TURN AND FACE YOUR DESTROYER!
TURN AND FACE -- THE SILVER SURFER!
DRACULA--?

TOO LONG HAVE I ROAMED THIS WORLD PERMITTING EVIL TO GROW AND PROSPER.
BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO USE MY POWERS TO ELIMINATE THAT WHICH I ABHOR
FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT I MUST DO, BUT THE DEMON MUST BE DESTROYED!
BEGONE, FOUL ONE! THUS THE BATTLE BEGINS!
EH--?
DRACULA!
THAT FOOL'S COSMIC BOLT ALMOST KILLED MY WIFE AND CHILD!
THAT BLIND, MORONIC DOLT!
I'VE SEEN ONE WIFE DIE BY THE HANDS OF AN ENEMY.
BUT I SWEAR, I'LL NOT SEE ANOTHER ONE PERISH!
SURFER! YOU HAVE AROUSED MY WRATH! FACE ME NOW!
NO! MY POWER COSMIC WAS MEANT FOR YOU! YOUR WOMAN GOT IN MY WAY!
I NEVER MEANT TO HARM HER. YOU MUST BE--
SMACK
BAH! WHO CARES WHAT YOU SAY, SURFER?
YOUR DEEDS SHOW YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE!

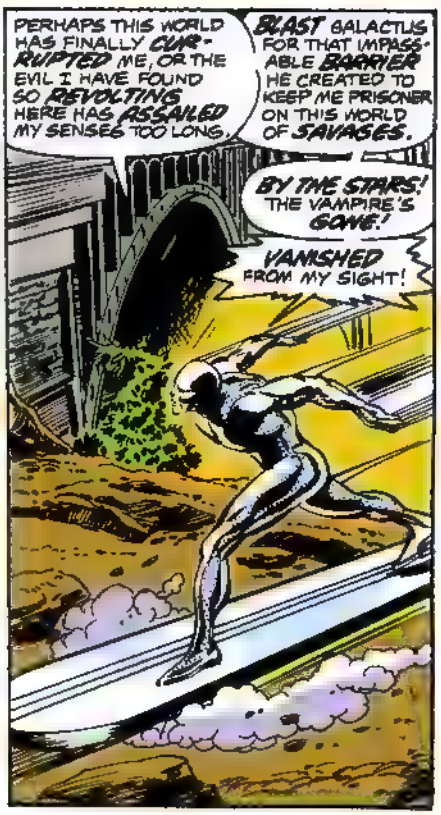
THIS IS NOT THE WAY IT WAS MEANT TO BE.
I, WHO HAVE SEEN THE MINDLESS SAVAGERY OF MAN GROW AND FLOURISH--
--WOULD NEVER INFEST THIS GLOBE WITH MORE!
NO! THOUGH MY SOUL MAY SQUIRM ETERNALLY IN UNABATED TORMENT,
...THE SILVER SURFER CAN NEVER HARM AN INNOCENT!
THEN, BY YOUR OWN WORDS, WHILE THE BATTLE 'TWEEN YOU AND I STANDS UNFINISHED--
--LET IT MOVE OUTSIDE WHERE MY WIFE AND HOME WILL BE LEFT UNTOUCHED!
FOR THERE, AWAY FROM THE WOMAN I LOVE, WILL DRACULA DROVE WHY HE IS UNDEFEATABLE!
AND WHY YOU AND ALL OTHERS OF YOUR ILK WILL PERISH BENEATH HIS DARK-KNIGHTED POWERS!
WHY DO I ATTACK HIM SO SLUGGISHLY?
IT IS ALMOST AS IF ANOTHER HAND GUIDES MINE INTO BATTLE, ANOTHER WILL PUSHES MINE TO MOVE AGAINST THIS CREATURE.
THIS CREATURE I HAD NOT EVEN KNOWN OF MERE HOURS AGO.
NO! THERE IS NO USE IN QUESTIONING MY REASONS!
I ATTACK--FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD...FOR THE FATE OF GALAXIES YET UNBORN--
--DRACULA MUST PERISH!
THESE ARE STRANGE WORDS COMING FROM THE LIPS OF A MAN WHO ONCE SPOKE ONLY OF FINDING PEACE. FOR THEY ARE WORDS WHICH COME NOT FROM THE HEART OF HE WHO WAS NORRIN RADD--BUT FROM THE STYGIAN DEPTHS KNOWN ONLY TO ANTON CUPESKI!
A DEMON IN HIS OWN RIGHT WHO NOW COMMANDS THIS SENTINEL OF THE SPACEWAYS TO DESTROY THE DARK-FORCE OF DRACULA!

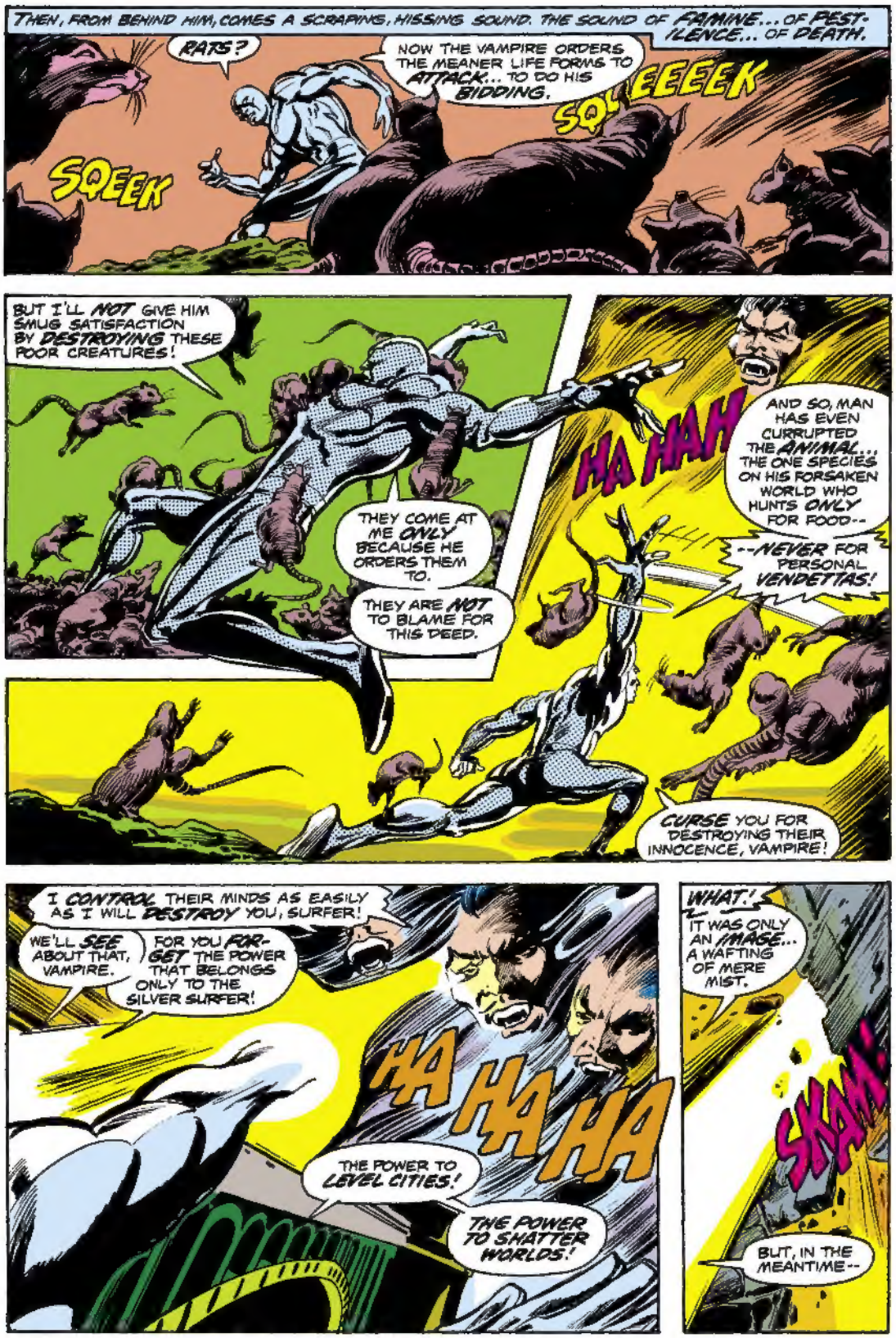

BUT THE VAMPIRE-LORD HAS POWERS WHICH MUST NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED.
THE SURFER IS POWERFUL, BUT HE USES HIS ABILITIES RECKLESSLY.
HE ATTACKS WHERE I HAVE BEEN. HE FIRES HIS BOLTS AS I VANISH FROM A SPOT.
IT IS AS IF HE IS NOT IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF HIS INSTINCTS!
BUT THAT IS ONLY ONE FURTHER REASON WHY DRACULA WILL TRIUMPH THIS NIGHT!

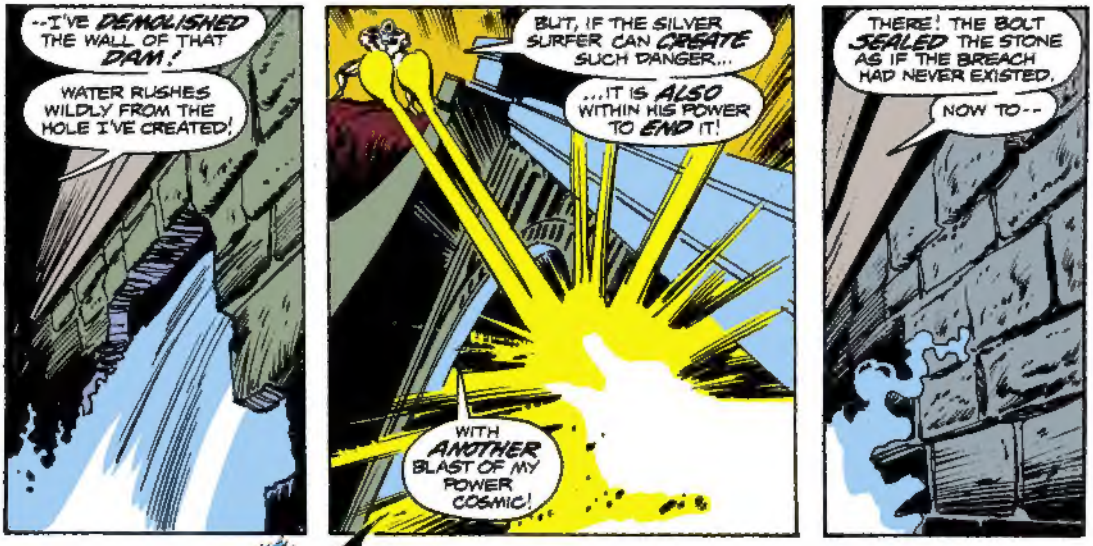

OBSERVE! HE SWOOPS DOWN ON ME, CONFIDENT THAT I AM POWERLESS TO STOP HIM.
FOOL! THE PRINCE OF EVIL IS NEVER HELPLESS!
DARK CLOUDS--GATHER! LET THERE BE STORM! LET THE SKIES THUNDER AT DRACULA'S COMMAND!
NOW! NOW!
AND THE SKIES BEGIN TO CRY, FOR IT IS WITHIN DRACULA'S PROVINCE TO CALL UPON THE VERY ELEMENTS TO DO HIS UNMERCIFUL BIDDINGS.


WHAT? THE VERY WINDS ATTACK ME NOW, THE VAMPIRE'S CREATED A HURRICANE TO BATTER ME FROM MY FAITHFUL BOARD.
BUT THEY ARE NOT GREAT ENOUGH TO UNBALANCE ONE WHO HAS SAILED SAFELY PAST COSMIC STORMS, AND FLOWN THROUGH EXPLODING STARS!

YET, EVEN AS I SOAR THROUGH THESE STORM-RIDDEN SKIES, I STILL SENSE A SLOWNESS TO MY MOVEMENTS.. A VAGUENESS TO MY THOUGHTS.
SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO ME, BUT WHAT? WHAT?


PERHAPS THIS WORLD HAS FINALLY CORRUPTED ME, OR THE EVIL I HAVE FOUND HERE HAS ASSAILED MY SENSES TOO LONG.
BLAST GALACTUS FOR THAT IMPASSABLE BARRIER HE CREATED TO KEEP ME PRISONER ON THIS WORLD OF SAVAGES.
BY THE STARS! THE VAMPIRE'S GONE!
VANISHED FROM MY SIGHT!

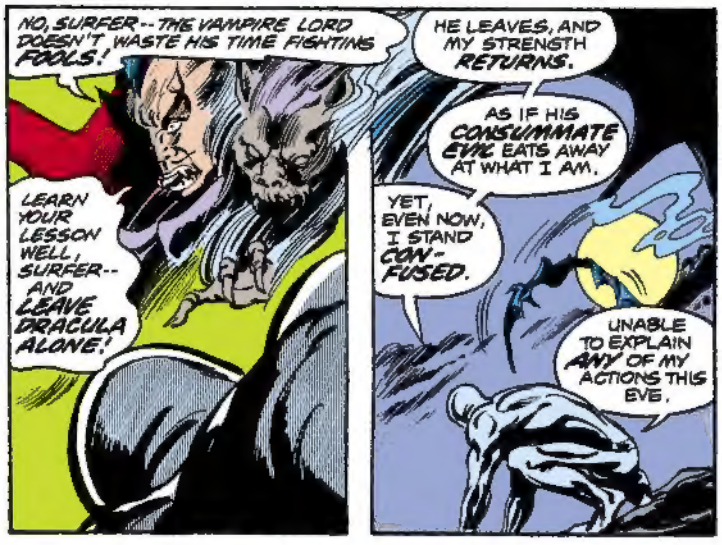

THEN, FROM BEHIND HIM, COMES A SCRAPING, HISSING SOUND. THE SOUND OF FAMINE... OF PESTILENCE... OF DEATH.
RATS?
NOW THE VAMPIRE ORDERS THE MEANER LIFE FORMS TO ATTACK... TO DO HIS BIDDING.
SQEEK
SQEEEEK
BUT I'LL NOT GIVE HIM SMUG SATISFACTION BY DESTROYING THESE POOR CREATURES!
THEY COME AT ME ONLY BECAUSE HE ORDERS THEM TO.
THEY ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR THIS DEED.
HA HAH
AND SO, MAN HAS EVEN CURRUPTED THE ANIMAL... THE ONE SPECIES ON HIS FORSAKEN WORLD WHO HUNTS ONLY FOR FOOD--
--NEVER FOR PERSONAL VENDETTAS!
CURSE YOU FOR DESTROYING THEIR INNOCENCE, VAMPIRE!
I CONTROL THEIR MINDS AS EASILY AS I WILL DESTROY YOU, SURFER!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, VAMPIRE.
FOR YOU FORGET THE POWER THAT BELONGS ONLY TO THE SILVER SURFER!
HA HA HA
THE POWER TO LEVEL CITIES!
THE POWER TO SHATTER WORLDS!
WHAT!
IT WAS ONLY AN IMAGE... A WAFTING OF MERE MIST.
SKAM!
BUT, IN THE MEANTIME--


--I'VE DEMOLISHED THE WALL OF THAT DAM!
WATER RUSHES WILDLY FROM THE HOLE I'VE CREATED!
BUT, IF THE SILVER SURFER CAN CREATE SUCH DANGER...
...IT IS ALSO WITHIN HIS POWER TO END IT!
WITH ANOTHER BLAST OF MY POWER COSMIC!
THERE! THE BOLT SEALED THE STONE AS IF THE BREACH HAD NEVER EXISTED.
NOW TO--

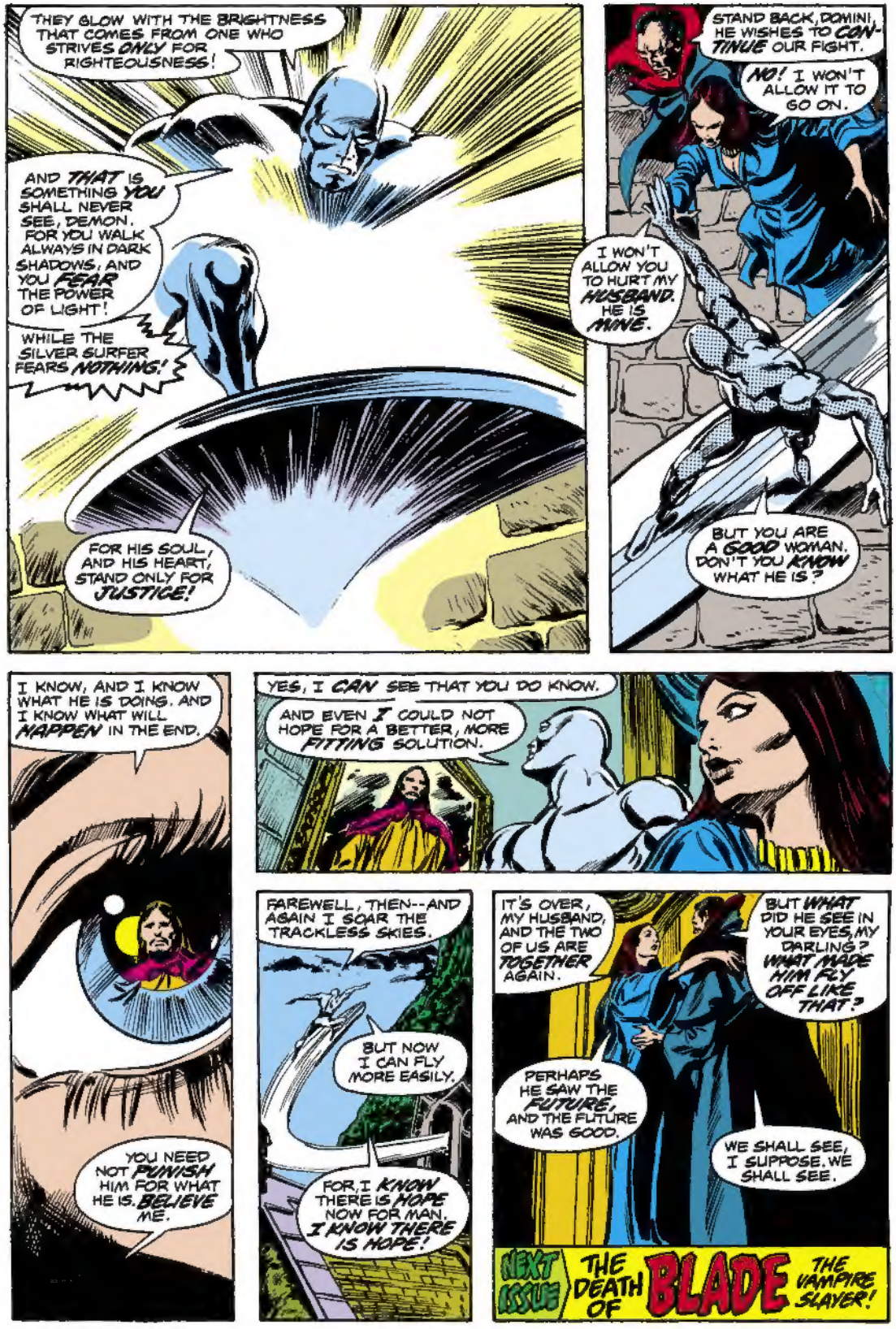
NOW TO NOTHING, SURFER.
WHAT? I DIDN'T HEAR HIM APPROACH.
OF COURSE YOU COULDN'T, FOOL.
HOW COULD YOU HOPE TO HEAR THE MIST IN THE BREEZE?

LISTEN TO THIS, SURFER. I'VE NO WISH TO FIGHT YOU. YET, IF YOU CONTINUE TO HOUND ME, I WILL FINISH WHAT I AM ABOUT TO FORSAKE.
THERE ARE THINGS OF GREATER IMPORT ON MY MIND NOW.
WHAT IS YOUR DECISION, FOOL?

THE SILVER SURFER HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT AFTER PEACE.
GO! THERE WILL BE OTHER TIMES FOR BATTLE.


NO, SURFER -- THE VAMPIRE LORD DOESN'T WASTE HIS TIME FIGHTING FOOLS!
LEARN YOUR LESSON WELL, SURFER -- AND LEAVE DRACULA ALONE!
HE LEAVES, AND MY STRENGTH RETURNS.
AS IF HIS CONSUMMATE EVIL EATS AWAY AT WHAT I AM.
YET, EVEN NOW, I STAND CONFUSED.
UNABLE TO EXPLAIN ANY OF MY ACTIONS THIS EVE.

I ATTACKED HIM, YET I NEVER KNEW HE EXISTED.
I FOUGHT HIM LIKE AN AMATEUR.
COULD THERE BE SOMETHING, OR SOMEONE ELSE GOADING ME INTO THIS HAPLESS BATTLE?
WHILE, IN LUPESKI'S PRIVATE TEMPLE OF HELL...
ALL RIGHT, MISTER, YOU CAUGHT US, BUT WE'LL FIGHT OUR WAY OUT OF HERE.
OH, LET'S STAY, FRANK. I DON'T THINK I WANT TO FIGHT RIGHT NOW.
YOU COULD NOT HOPE TO FIGHT US, FOOLS.
YOU ARE OUR PRISONERS!
AND NOW I LEAVE YOU FOR A WHILE, WHILE I GO TO MONITOR OUR CHAMPION.
YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE, MISTER.
NOT UNTIL THESE TWO FRIENDS OF MINE ARE FREE AND SAVE.
RACHEL!
AND BACK WITH THE SURFER...
SUDDENLY MY MIND IS FREE FROM THE CONFUSION WHICH CLOUDED IT.
SOMEHOW I NOW KNOW MY MIND WAS BEING MANIPULATED.
BY THE VAMPIRE-- PERHAPS? IF THAT IS SO, I MUST SEEK HIM OUT AGAIN.
AND END HIS POWER TO CONTROL ME-- FOREVER!
WHILE...
DOMINI...
I'M ALL RIGHT, MY HUSBAND. YOU NEED NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME NOW.
NOT WHEN THE MATTERS OF YOUR DARK CHURCH NEED YOU.
OUR CHURCH, DOMINI. I DO THIS FOR THE TWO OF US.
THAT WE MAY RULE THE HUMAN FOOLS TOGETHER.
YET, I AM HUMAN, TOO, MY HUSBAND. AND I--
HOLD! THE WALL BEGINS TO GLOW!


THEY GLOW WITH THE BRIGHTNESS THAT COMES FROM ONE WHO STRIVES ONLY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS!
AND THAT IS SOMETHING YOU SHALL NEVER SEE, DEMON. FOR YOU WALK ALWAYS IN DARK SHADOWS, AND YOU FEAR THE POWER OF LIGHT!
WHILE THE SILVER SURFER FEARS NOTHING!
FOR HIS SOUL, AND HIS HEART, STAND ONLY FOR JUSTICE!
STAND BACK, DOMINI, HE WISHES TO CONTINUE OUR FIGHT.
NO! I WON'T ALLOW IT TO GO ON.
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO HURT MY HUSBAND. HE IS MINE.
BUT YOU ARE A GOOD WOMAN. DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT HE IS?
I KNOW, AND I KNOW WHAT HE IS DOING. AND I KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE END.
YOU NEED NOT PUNISH HIM FOR WHAT HE IS. BELIEVE ME.
YES, I CAN SEE THAT YOU DO KNOW.
AND EVEN I COULD NOT HOPE FOR A BETTER, MORE FITTING SOLUTION.
FAREWELL, THEN--AND AGAIN I SOAR THE TRACKLESS SKIES.
BUT NOW I CAN FLY MORE EASILY.
FOR, I KNOW THERE IS HOPE NOW FOR MAN. I KNOW THERE IS HOPE!
IT'S OVER, MY HUSBAND, AND THE TWO OF US ARE TOGETHER AGAIN.
BUT WHAT DID HE SEE IN YOUR EYES, MY DARLING? WHAT MADE HIM FLY OFF LIKE THAT?
PERHAPS HE SAW THE FUTURE, AND THE FUTURE WAS GOOD.
WE SHALL SEE, I SUPPOSE. WE SHALL SEE.
NEXT ISSUE
THE DEATH OF BLADE THE VAMPIRE SLAYER!